



St Martin's Church, Welton

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Easter Sunday

WELCOME!

There are 2 services at St Martin's today.

11.00am Service of Communion

This morning we welcome Rev John Stevenson and thank him for leading our worship.

Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00am

ROTAS	16 April Easter Day	23 April	30 April *	07 May
Chalice	Jean Somerville	Val Hamblin	Jean Somerville	Gill Beardmore
Sidesperson	Jan Wall	Roslyn Loades	Margaret Jones	Harold Thompson
Reader	Margaret Jones	Gillian Weigel	Bob Somerville	Margaret Jones
Prayers	Vicar	Vicar	Vicar	Keith Beardmore

*** The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on 30 April after this Service.**

Afternoon Services

This afternoon Revd Canon Sarah Brown for leads our worship.

AFTERNOON SERVICES

16 April Easter Day	23 April	30 April	07 May
Family Communion 4.00pm	Sunday Teatime 4.00pm	THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON SERVICE.	Family Communion 4.00pm
<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>	<i>A meeting of Christians of all ages around the tea table. Tea and cake accompany informal discussion, games and storytelling to link faith with everyday life. Worship a different way.</i>	<i>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>

First Reading Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 1 Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

REVD. SARAH WRITES

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



After the grim journey through Holy week it is such a joy to be able to wish you Happy Easter at last as we join with the disciples in realising the extraordinary truth that Jesus is risen from the dead, not as some half-dead zombie but gloriously, radiantly, dazzlingly alive- somehow more alive, differently alive than he was before!! The disciples have to get used to this extraordinary state of affairs and work out what it means for them. And the same is true for you and for me. Does the Resurrection change anything for you and for me? It certainly changed the world. Without the Resurrection there would be no Welton Church, no Saint Martin and the basis on which we live and die would be entirely different. But what does it mean for you and me to be people of the resurrection? I'm looking forward to exploring that with you and new disciples of Christ yet unknown to us over the coming months and years. I'm sorry I shall miss most of you at 11am on Easter Sunday but will continue the celebration at 4pm even if I do it alone! Happy Easter! Every blessing, Sarah.

 Jesus Christ
is Risen!
Happy Easter!

Your Vicar is at Welton on a weekly basis

Revd Sarah invites you to meet her personally
from 3.30pm before her 4.00pm services each
Sunday.

If you have any news or forthcoming events: email ros@rosirius.co.uk. Thank you. Roslyn.